

Table 105. Property crimes, 2004:

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**Percent of reasons for not reporting victimizations to the police,  
by race of head of household and type of crime**

Race and reason for not reporting	All property crimes	Percent of reasons for not reporting			
		Total	Household Burglary	Motor vehicle theft	Theft
White only					
Total	10,979,340	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %
Reported to another official	938,910	8.6	4.5	3.3 *	9.4
Private or personal matter	692,610	6.3	5.7	8.0 *	6.4
Object recovered; offender unsuccessful	3,160,070	28.8	23.9	27.7	29.7
Not important enough	384,740	3.5	3.3	4.0 *	3.5
Insurance would not cover	275,770	2.5	2.7	5.3 *	2.4
Not aware crime occurred until later	588,190	5.4	7.3	2.5 *	5.1
Unable to recover property; no ID no.	647,140	5.9	6.6	0.0 *	5.9
Lack of proof	1,282,850	11.7	14.7	13.6 *	11.1
Police would not want to be bothered	897,950	8.2	8.5	11.4 *	8.1
Police inefficient, ineffective, or biased	271,590	2.5	3.8	5.2 *	2.2
Fear of reprisal	51,810	0.5	0.7 *	0.0 *	0.4
Too inconvenient or time consuming	372,390	3.4	3.6	6.1 *	3.3
Other reasons	1,415,330	12.9	14.7	12.8 *	12.6
Black only					
Total	1,964,190	100.0 %	100.0 %	100.0 %*	100.0 %
Reported to another official	178,810	9.1	4.2 *	0.0 *	10.5
Private or personal matter	165,230	8.4	10.6	10.3 *	7.8
Object recovered; offender unsuccessful	477,520	24.3	18.9	70.5 *	24.9
Not important enough	65,430	3.3	4.5 *	0.0 *	3.1
Insurance would not cover	64,860	3.3	5.7 *	0.0 *	2.7
Not aware crime occurred until later	96,840	4.9	3.1 *	0.0 *	5.5
Unable to recover property; no ID no.	106,950	5.4	5.1 *	0.0 *	5.6
Lack of proof	237,670	12.1	12.4	9.6 *	12.1
Police would not want to be bothered	177,050	9.0	12.7	9.6 *	8.1
Police inefficient, ineffective, or biased	89,140	4.5	7.8 *	0.0 *	3.8
Fear of reprisal	5,660 *	0.3 *	0.5 *	0.0 *	0.2 *
Too inconvenient or time consuming	85,910	4.4	5.1 *	0.0 *	4.3
Other reasons	213,120	10.9	9.3	0.0 *	11.4

Note: Detail may not add to total shown because of rounding.

Excludes data on persons of "Other" races and persons indicating two or more races.

Some respondents may have cited more than one reason for not reporting victimizations to the police.

\*Estimate is based on about 10 or fewer sample cases.